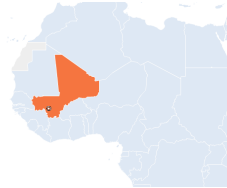


Introduction

Mali is a landlocked country in Western Africa. Mali borders Algeria, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire, Mauritania, Niger, and Senegal. Most of the country lies in the southern Sahara which produces a hot savanna zone. The government system is a republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Mali has a traditional economic system in which the majority of the population engages in subsistence agriculture confined to the riverine area irrigated by the Niger River. Mali is a member of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).



Location: Western Africa

Capital City: Bamako (GMT)

Chief of State: President of transitional government Bah Ndaw

Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Moctar Ouane

Currency: Communauté Financière Africaine franc (XOF)

Major Languages: <p>French (official), Bambara 46.3%, Peul/foulfoulbe 9.4%, Dogon 7.2%, Maraka/soninke 6.4%, Mālinke 5.6%, Sonrhai/djerma 5.6%, Miniānka 4.3%, Tamacheq 3.5%, Senoufo 2.6%, Bobo 2.1%, unspecified 0.7%, other 6.3% (2009 est.)</p>

Primary Religions: <p>Muslim 93.9%, Christian 2.8%, Animist .7%, none 2.5% (2018 est.)</p>

Calling Code: 223

Voltage: 220

Key Websites

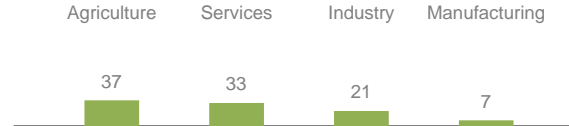
Main Government Page: primature.gov.ml

Investment Promotion Agency: apimali.gov.ml

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Low Income
Level of Development:	Developing
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$47.66 billion (2019)
GDP growth (annual %):	4.75% (2019)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$2,424.33 (2019)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$5,192,187,894.90 (2019)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	6.61% (2019)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$0.84 billion (2018)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	-1.66% (2019)
Labor force, total:	7,599,866 (2020)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	7.34% (2020)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$5.98 billion (2019)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$4.03 billion (2019)

GDP Composition %



**Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.*

Rankings

Index	Rank
Corruption Perceptions Index	120 / 180
Global Competitiveness Index	129 / 141
Global Enabling Trade Index	118 / 136
Index of Economic Freedom	103 / 179
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	96 / 160
Inward FDI Potential Index	121 / 139
KOF Index of Globalization	134 / 185
Networked Readiness Index (NRI)	127 / 139
Open Budget Index	70 / 115

Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

Country rating: D - A high-risk political and economic situation and an often very difficult business environment can have a very significant impact on corporate payment behavior. Corporate default probability is very high.

Business Climate rating: D - The business environment is very difficult. Corporate financial information is rarely available and when available usually unreliable. The legal system makes debt collection very unpredictable. The institutional framework has very serious weaknesses. Intercompany transactions can thus be very difficult to manage in the highly risky environments rated D.

Strengths

- Substantial natural resources: agriculture (cotton) and mining (gold, bauxite, iron)
- International assistance
- Member of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU)

Weaknesses

- Economy vulnerable to weather and commodity price fluctuations
- Extreme poverty
- Geographically isolated
- Poor security situation
- Dependent on international aid
- Poor business environment (148th in the Doing Business 2020 ranking)

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